# CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS

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## The Approved School Rules, 1949

## 1949 No. 2052

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In pursuance of the power conferred upon me by paragraph 1 of the Fourth Schedule to the Children and Young Persons Act, 1933(**a**), I hereby make the following Rules:—

**1.** For Rule 8 of the Approved School Rules, 1933(**b**) (hereinafter referred to as "the principal Rules"), there shall be substituted the following Rule:—

"8.—(1) The Managers shall meet so far as practicable once a month at the school.

(2) A sufficient number of Managers to ensure adequate supervision shall be resident within a reasonable distance of the school."

**2.** For Rule 10 of the principal Rules there shall be substituted the following Rule:—

"10.—(1) The Managers shall maintain an efficient standard throughout the school and for this purpose they shall take into consideration any report which may be communicated to them by or on behalf of the Secretary of State.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Managers to ensure that the condition of the school and the training, welfare and education of the boys under their care are satisfactory, and for this purpose they shall pay frequent visits to the school.

(3) The school shall be visited at least once a month by at least one Manager who shall satisfy himself regarding the care of the boys and the state of the school, or some part of it, and shall enter his conclusions in the Log Book or other convenient record kept at the school.

(4) The Managers shall exercise an effective control over all expenditure."

**3.** For Rules 13 to 15 of the principal Rules there shall be substituted the following Rules:—

"13.—(1) The number of boys resident in a school at any time, whether sent under the provisions of the Act or not, shall not exceed such number as may be fixed for that school from time to time by the Secretary of State.

(**a**) 23 & 24 Geo. 5. c. 12. (**b**) S.R. & O. 1933 (No. 774) p. 449.

(2) Except with the special authority of the Secretary of State the Managers shall not receive or retain in the school any boy otherwise than in accordance with the classification of the school as determined by the Secretary of State in pursuance of section eighty-one of the Act.

14.—(1) The Managers shall be responsible for the appointment, suspension or dismissal of the staff of the school:

Provided that no appointment as Headmaster (which expression in these Rules includes a Principal) shall be made without the prior approval of the Secretary of State.

(2) Any vacancy for a Headmaster shall be advertised unless the Managers obtain the consent of the Secretary of State to dispense with this requirement.

15. The Headmaster, Deputy Headmaster, matron, teachers, housemasters and instructors shall be employed under a written agreement or, in the case of a local authority school, under a minute of the local authority."

**4.** For Rule 21 of the principal Rules there shall be substituted the following Rule:—

"21.—(1) Where there is no Deputy Headmaster, the Managers shall appoint in writing the Principal Teacher or other experienced member of the staff to exercise the functions of the Headmaster during the Headmaster's absence and shall communicate to the Chief Inspector the name of the person so appointed.

(2) The Deputy Headmaster (or, as the case may be, the person appointed under paragraph (1) of this Rule) shall exercise the functions of the Headmaster during the Headmaster's absence and such of these Rules as relate to the powers and duties of the Headmaster shall apply accordingly."

**5.** For Rules 26 and 27 of the principal Rules there shall be substituted the following Rules:—

"26.—(1) The education given in the school shall be based on the principles of the Education Act, 1944(**a**), so as to secure efficient full-time primary or secondary education suitable to the age, ability and aptitude of each individual boy while of compulsory school age and his further education thereafter as long as he remains in the school.

(2) The schoolroom time table and syllabus shall be subject to the approval of the Chief Inspector and a copy of the time table shall be kept posted in the schoolroom.

26A.—(1) The practical training of all boys shall be in accordance with a scheme approved from time to time by the Chief Inspector.

(2) Any substantial deviation from the scheme shall be recorded in the Log Book and a notification shall be sent forthwith to the Chief Inspector.

(3) The practical training given to boys over compulsory school age shall so far as practicable be directed to their preparation for a particular form of employment: regard shall be had to the capacity and preference of each boy and in all suitable cases the parent or guardian shall be consulted.

27. The attendance of boys in the schoolroom and at all classes of practical training shall be recorded in a form prescribed by the Chief Inspector."

(**a**) 7 & 8 Geo. 6. c. 31.

**6.** For Rules 30 to 33 of the principal Rules there shall be substituted the following Rules :—

" 30.—(1) Adequate provision shall be made for free time and recreation, including organised games and walks and visits outside the school boundaries ; and except in bad weather at least one hour daily shall be spent in the open air.

(2) If a cadet contingent is maintained at the school, enlistment shall not be compulsory and training or drill shall not be used as a means of enforcing school discipline.

30A.—(1) So far as reasonably possible, a holiday away from the school shall be arranged annually.

(2) Home leave shall be granted to each boy each year unless circumstances make it undesirable.

(3) Except with the permission of the Chief Inspector home leave shall not be granted in excess of sixteen days at any one time or ~~twenty-four~~ days in any year.

31. Boys shall be encouraged to write to their parents at least once a month and for this purpose postage stamps shall be provided by the Managers.

31A. Boys shall be allowed to receive letters from their parents, relatives and friends and, at such reasonable intervals as the Managers may determine, visits from them.

32. Arrangements shall be made for the giving of pocket money each week subject to such conditions as may be approved by the Chief Inspector.

32A. The Headmaster may suspend any of the facilities mentioned in Rules 31A and 32 of these Rules if he is satisfied that they interfere with the discipline of the school : any such suspension shall be recorded in the Log Book.

33. The discipline of the school shall be maintained by the personal influence of the Headmaster and staff and shall be promoted by a system of rewards and privileges, which shall be subject to the approval of the Chief Inspector."

**7.** For Rule 40 of the principal Rules there shall be substituted the following Rule :—

" 40.—(1) It shall be the duty of the Managers to place out on licence each boy as soon as he has made sufficient progress in his training ; and with this object in view they shall review the progress made by each boy and all the circumstances of the case (including home surroundings) towards the end of his first year in the school and thereafter as often as may be necessary and at least quarterly.

(2) At each review the Managers shall consider the date at which the boy is likely to be fit to be placed out on licence and for this purpose they shall receive and consider a report from the Headmaster made after consultation with the staff.

(3) Where there is reason to believe that a boy can be placed out on licence during the first twelve months of his detention, the case shall be reported by the Managers to the Secretary of State with a view to his consent being obtained.

(4) The Managers shall maintain a Licensing Register in a form prescribed by the Chief Inspector, showing the date and result of their review of each case and the reasons for their decision."

**8.** For Rules 43 to 45 of the principal Rules there shall be substituted the following Rules:—

"43. It shall be the duty of the Managers to ensure that adequate arrangements are made for the after-care of every boy released from the school until the statutory period of supervision expires and they shall appoint for each boy a suitable person to carry out his after-care.

43A. Rules 40 to 43 of these Rules shall not apply to a classifying school, that is to say, a school classified by the Secretary of State as one providing special educational and vocational testing facilities for the purpose of classifying persons sent to approved schools and advising as to the school providing training appropriate to each case.

44.—(1) The Managers shall appoint a Medical Officer whose duties shall include—

(*a*) a thorough examination of each boy on admission and shortly before leaving the school;

(*b*) a quarterly inspection of each boy;

(*c*) visits to the school at least once a week;

(*d*) general inspection of the school from the hygienic point of view and advice as to dietary and general hygiene;

(*e*) the examination and treatment of all sick and ailing boys;

(*f*) the keeping of medical records in a form approved by the Chief Inspector;

(*g*) the furnishing of such reports and certificates as the Managers may require.

(2) Notice of any meeting of the Managers shall be given to the Medical Officer so that he may have an opportunity of attending and presenting a report.

45.—(1) The Managers shall appoint a Dentist whose duties shall include an examination of the teeth of each boy shortly after admission to the school (and thereafter at least once every six months) and the undertaking of such fillings, extractions or other dental work as may be necessary.

(2) The Dentist shall keep a record of his work in a form approved by the Chief Inspector."

**9.** These Rules may be cited as the Approved School Rules, 1949, and shall come into operation on the twenty-first day of November, 1949.

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